

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] In this case, the master 34 includes a non-volatile memory, that is an EEPROM (erasable and programmable read only memory) 342 for maintaining the stored data irrespective of the power failure, a CPU 341 that performs a basic control operation of the home networking including giving IDs to the slaves, monitoring and controlling of the operation state, storing network information such as the control, monitoring, etc., of home appliance in the EEPROM 342, and restoring the network information of the slave when the power is supplied again after the reset of the ~~slave~~ slave, and a UART (Universal Asynchronous Transmitter/Receiver) 343 and an RS-232C port 344 for the CPU 341 to perform a network communication through a power-line communication modem.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] At this time, the master 34 grasps whether the slaves 31,32 and 33 are reset in a manner that the master 34 periodically checks the states of the slaves 31,32 and 33, and the slaves 31,32 and 33 periodically inform their states to the master 34, too.